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Honorable President and Members
of the City Council of Baltimore
c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 15-0200R- Investigative Hearing – Valet Parking Program

Dear Madame President and City Council Members:

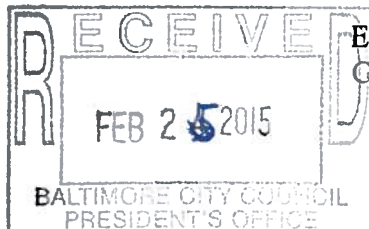
The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 15-0200R for form and legal sufficiency. This resolution is for the purpose of calling on representatives from the Departments of Finance and Transportation, the Parking Authority of Baltimore City, the BMZA, and the Baltimore City Police Department to appear before the Council to report on the implementation of the valet parking program created by ordinance in 2013, as well as revenue generated thus far as a result of this law, including but not limited to, application fees, licensing fees, and citations issued for businesses that are not in compliance.

In general, a City Council resolution is “an expression of opinion or mind concerning some particular item of business coming within the legislative body’s official cognizance.” *Inlet Assocs. v. Assateague House Condominium Assoc.*, 545 A.2d 1296, 1303 (Md. 1988) (quoting *McQuillin Mun. Corp.* § 15:2 (3rd Ed.)). Council Bill 15-0200R is an appropriate resolution to express the Council’s concerns about this particular situation and request information from City agencies.

The Law Department approves Council Bill 15-200R for form and legal sufficiency as consistent with the City Council’s authority to express its views on this matter.

Sincerely,

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